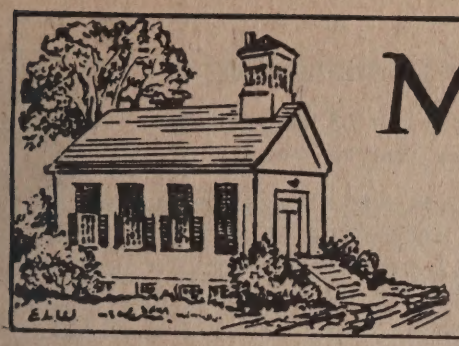

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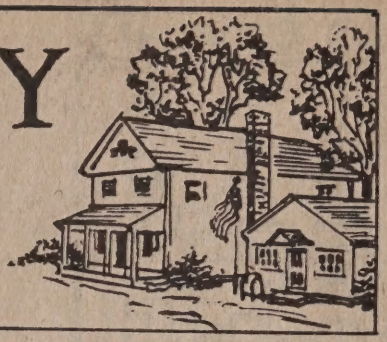

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WELLES SELLEW'S CREW STRIKES AGAIN

On Wednesday, October 28, Welles Sellew and boys from his Building Structures Class at Mt. Everett High School emerged from an antiquated school bus and descended on a modest clapboard cottage on Route 23 belonging to Margaret Cummings. Their purpose was made evident immediately by the implements they carried. Among these were black plastic leaf bags, rakes, hammers and furring strips. The boys set to work at once, raking and bagging fallen leaves. They wrapped Margaret's house with a skirt of tar paper, anchored it with nails and strips of wood, and festooned it with billows of bagged leaves.

Last fall Welles and his boys banked Margaret's home with leaves as a gesture of good will during the International Energy Contest. This year members of the Monterey Energy Project asked them to come for a return engagement.

The boys are 10th to 12th graders at Mt. Everett, and when they're not bagging leaves, they are working with Welles, building number thirteen in a series of houses constructed by carpentry classes during the last few years. Workmen on the leaf project were: Mark Anelli, Andy Basset, Jeff Curtis, Bob Gingras, Bob Litchfield, Ted Mielke, Tom Reynolds, Alan Stalker, Bruce Sullivan, Wayne Wilkinson, Vale Ziegler, Bill Rice, and Richard Crine.

The Energy Project provided picnic fixings for lunch as well as leaf bags, and Maynard Forbes contributed extra bags from the stock of the Monterey General Store. The crew, determined to exceed last year's total of 98 bags of leaves, set a new record of 120 bags. When asked how they enjoyed the day, they replied that the lunch, cooked by Welles at his log cabin on New Marlborough Road, was delicious.

WEATHERIZATION CO-COP FORMS AVAILABLE NOW

The Monterey Energy Project is sponsoring a fall Weatherization Co-op. This season's order form lists about 25 items including caulk, weatherstripping, low-flow showerheads, thermal shutters, water heater jackets and insider storm windows. Prices are about 30% off retail prices.

Forms are available at Walsh's Mobil station, the Monterey General Store and the Roadside Store. The deadline for completed forms is Wednesday, November 18. Weatherization materials will be distributed on Saturday, November 21 from 10 AM to 12 noon in the Social Room of the Monterey United Church of Christ.

For more information, call Ellen Pearson at 528-1988.

RECYCLING REPORT: WASTE OIL RECYCLING

Good news for all of us who change our own motor oil or produce any waste oil : Ken Gurney of Gurney's Exxon Station in Gt. Barrington has agreed to accept waste oil. He has a 250 gallon tank for storage. When the tank is full, a hauler will transport the oil to a reprocessing facility where heavy metals and solvents can be removed, the oil purified and eventually re-used. An estimated fifteen and a half million gallons of automotive waste oil are produced annually in Massachusetts, so it's easy to see that we all could benefit from recycling it. Keeping it out of the ground and the water is our chief concern, but reducing imports and saving money are long range benefits. Clean plastic containers, such as cider or anti-freeze jugs, are good for transporting the oil to the station and can be used over and over for this purpose. Gurney's Exxon is located next to the bridge on Rt. 7 & 23. Hours are 7-6 Monday to Saturday, 8-6 Sunday. Anyone bringing in large quantities should call in advance. The phone number is 528-9839.

CATHOLIC CHURCHES
Masses Schedule

Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield
Saturday - 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Sunday - 7:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Immaculate Conception, Mill River
Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Worship and Regular Meetings

Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with childcare at same time in the Social Room. Choir rehearsal, Thursday, 6:00 p.m. at the parsonage. Meditation and prayer Thursdays, 7:30 a.m. in the Social Room. All are invited to join us. Prayer Group Thursdays, 7:45 p.m. at the home of Lucy Smith.

MONTEREY CHURCH TO HOST PEACE MEETING FOR THE BERKSHIRES

People for Peace and the Monterey United Church of Christ are co-sponsoring a special gathering of people concerned with peace education and action on Tuesday, November 24.

There will be a covered-dish supper at 6 p.m. and a program of special interest to all peace-motivated people at 7 p.m. Of particular importance to this meeting will be the presence of Dan Evinar who is on the national staff of the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

Of particular interest will be the explanation of the Covenant Peacemaking Program which is drawing into close unity Jewish, Catholic and Protestant peoples. This program is one of the clearest evidences of a strong surge of peacemaking efforts stirring through religious groups. All in the community are invited.

ADVENT SEASON BEGINS NOVEMBER 29

Advent is a time of beginnings. Advent begins the new church year.

The Advent season always includes the four Sundays preceding Christmas. It is a season of preparation and expectation. Hope is a predominant theme of the season and it will receive special emphasis in the worship this year.

PLANS FOR PEW BIBLES

Under the terms of a Will by Esther Angel probated several years ago, provision was made for setting up a fund to provide pew Bibles for the Church. This was to be administered through the New York International Bible Society.

At a recent meeting of the Parish Council plans were made for getting samples from the Bible Society so that a selection of an appropriate Bibles could be made.

FAST FOR A WORLD HARVEST

Plans for the Fast for a World Harvest in the community are proceeding. Oxfam America, which sponsors the fast, is one of the leading organizations working for overcoming hunger in the world.

On November 19, the day of the fast, the Church will remain open. A vigil is being arranged so that prayers will be continued throughout the day. At meal times there will be scriptures and prayers. Communion elements will be available and those who participate will be asked to serve themselves.

For the fast people are asked each to decide on the fast appropriate to oneself. Some will refrain from food altogether. Others will miss certain meals. Some will simply eat very inexpensive meals.

The Church will collect the money people save from cutting one day's food expenses on November 22 and 29. If any in the Community wish to join in the fast for a World Harvest, the Church will be glad to forward the funds or give the address of Oxfam America to anyone desiring to send money directly.

DILEMMAS OF BEING HUMAN: Social and Individual

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of
Christ

In trying to explain ourselves we humans are ever in danger of selecting one aspect of our nature and ignoring the rest. We like neat and easy answers. This kind of over-simplification does us a disservice.

At the same time, I applaud simplifying all that can be made simple. After hearing a bureaucrat throw up a fog of complexity around an issue we want to cry out, "Simplify! Simplify!" Whatever can be simplified should be. But beware of one who has too simple an explanation of what it is to be human.

One of the dilemmas of being human is that each of us is a creature of society, yet at the same time is an individual in his/her own right. Consider, first, how we are all creatures of society. My life has received a definite shape by the fact that I was born in the early part of the 20th century. I took further shape growing up in mid-west America in a white Protestant family. All of these social factors have made an indelible imprint on my personality. So wherever I will change my mind in however many directions, still every social context in which I have lived has had a part in giving shape to my life. So it is with us all. If you or I had grown up in the time of Charles Dickens in 19th century England, there is no way we could have escaped the shaping that living in that time would have had on us. One way of looking at life is to say that we are creatures of society and that's it.

But hold! That is too simple! There is another important dimension in each one of us. We are individuals. We have an identify, a separateness that no social context can explain. We bear full responsibility for our lives. We do not explain our actions by saying, "My mixed up tangle of relations with my family made me do it". Nor can I say, "I grew up in mid-west America, so this bias in my is not really mine". If I do try to explain myself that way, it is a cop-out. However much society has shaped and slanted me, I know that I cannot excuse any one of my characteristic failings by referring it anywhere else than to myself. That action is mine and it cannot be dissolved by pleading society's influence.

I cannot explain this paradox. I cannot resolve it. All I can do is live with it. It is a part of the mystery of my being. I am composed of opposing forces. There is the indisputable force of society as it has shaped my personality. There is the inalienable integrity of my own soul. This has set up a tension that I have neighbor the skill nor the wisdom to solve or resolve.

Here is one of the dilemmas of being human that none of us can escape. It is built into our nature. Since neither you nor I can resolve it, what shall we do with this dilemma?

I propose we celebrate it. What I mean is that we grasp with courage this unresolvable dilemma. In celebrating it I do not intend to run around with a long face lamenting that I am hung-up on the horn of a dilemma. I am not going to complain about my lot in inheriting an unsolvable problem. Indeed, to celbrate is to have an element of rejoicing in something that is bigger than I can explain.

GOULD FARM
NEWS

In September and October, several new people came to help fill the semi-annual holes in the staff. Beth Wallace, whose home is in Wisconsin, heard about the Farm through Laos, the German peace group which has previously sent us volunteers. Beth had a period of orientation in Washington, D.C. She had lived in Nicaragua from 1960 to 1969, so she was accustomed to unusual situations. Her father was a missionary doctor there. She has made a commitment to stay at the farm for at least a year.

Next came Nancy Reid, from Ohio. She was born in New Zealand and moved to the U.S. with her parents as a child. She attended Western Reserve in Cleveland, graduating in January 1980 as a psychology major. She read about Gould Farm in a new job catalog and plans to work here for a year or more.

Stan Damato is a native of Pittsfield, Mass. where he has heard talk of the Farm. He graduated last June from Bridgewater State College, having previously attended B.C.C. His major was physical education. He expects to spend the next two years at the Farm.

Dana Palmer grew up in Iowa, where she went to the University, graduating in December 1979. She majored in social work and was a Vista Volunteer. She learned of Gould Farm at Spring Lake Ranch in Cuttingsville, Vt., an organization similar in many ways to the Farm. Her present plan is to stay here for about a year.

Rose McKee

If anyone heard weird noises coming from Gould Farm Halloween night, they can be attributed to the haunted house we put together in one of our barns, complete with tunnels and monsters. We also had a costume party where we heard ghost stories, bobbed for applies and had many other great activities. For days in advance everyone gathered old clothing and make-up to disguise themselves and add to the very good time we all shared together.

Nancy Reid

GRANGE NEWS

Monterey Grange #291 observed neighbor's night at the November 4 meeting. Gt. Barrington Grange #265 filled the chairs. 70 members representing 13 granges including some from Connecticut and New York State presented an enjoyable Variety Program of reading, skits, games, vocal selections, accordian tunes and community singing. Deputy Alicia Brazie was there to present awards won at the State Grange: 2nd prize for improving the Hall, 2nd prize for Youth Report, 1st prize for conservation exhibit. Sister Eleanor Kimberly won several awards for her photo entries that have been sent to national grange for judging. Next meeting will be November 18 for a conservation program under the leadership of Florence Brown and Committee. State Flora Vivian Sloan from Connecticut was present as well as Sister Edith Wheeler, a member of the State Home and Community Committee.

Mary Wallace, Lecturer

DILEMMAS OF BEING HUMAN (contd from P.1)

When we talk about God we are talking about a dimension of life that runs far beyond our ability to explain or define. So is this dilemma of our humanity. You and I may go a long way in explaining ourselves in terms of the society that nurtured us. But when we try to add to that explanation the fact of our stubborn and incontestable individuality we begin to stumble for words. If we are wise we will recognize that we are in the territory of a mystery that is comparable to the mystery we encounter when we try to "explain" what we mean by God.

Indeed it is my hunch that even though we may try to explain life without God we run headlong into the external when we encounter this unsolvable dilemma of our social and individual dimensions. By all means strive for simplicity in your life. Make it as simple and direct as you can. But here, in this area, resist simple explanations. Don't reduce the size of your soul.

Y*O*U*T*H N*E*W*S

NEW MARLBOROUGH--MONTEREY P.T.A.

The next meeting of the New Marlborough-Monterey P.T.A. will be Tuesday, November 17th, at 7:30 p.m., Mill River School. Mr. Mike Kinne, district business manager will be our guest. He will discuss proposed transportation changes that may take affect next year as well as the economic problems of the school lunch program.

We are continuing to collect Campbell's Soup labels. We have received many fine items for the classroom and playground over the years from the Campbell's Soup Company. To help us just save and send to school with any K - 4th grade student the labels from the following Campbell's products: Campbell's condensed soups, chunky soups, "soup for one", campbell's beans, tomato juice, v-8 cocktail vegetable juice, franco-merican gravies and pasta products as well as Swanson canned products.

On Tuesday, November 24th we will be having a "Fund Day" at Price Chopper in Great Barrington. Price Chopper will donate 5% of your grocery bill to the P.T.A. if you give the check out clerk the appropriate card. All kindergarten and Mill River School students will have the cards. If you don't live near any of our students you may get one by calling Stephanie Grotz at 528-4519 or Peggy Thieriot at 528-9266.

Our annual Toy and Gift Sale will be held at Mill River School on Monday, December 7 from 8:00 a.m. til 2:30 p.m. and on Tuesday the 8th from 8:00 a.m. til noon. From noon until 2:30 p.m. the children will be allowed to purchase items at reduced prices. If you have an old or never used toys, jewelry, sporting goods or books that you would like to donate, just drop them off at Mill River School or call Peggy Thieriot or Stephanie Grotz at home.

Judy Thompson

4-H HORSE CLUB

A 4-H Horse Club, the Stable Mates, has been formed with members from Monterey, Sandisfield and West Stockbridge. The Club meets every other Thrusday at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Tom and Jan Schneider in Gt. Barrington. The group welcomes new members. Interested parties over 9 and under 19 call 528-9651.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT:

Joe Burkholder, Monterey's Representative to the Southern Berkshire Regional School Committee, has chosen to list the Monterey residents who work at jobs connected with southern Berkshire schools. They are as follows:

Janice Lanoue	Part-time custodian Monterey Kindergarten
Marueen Bradley	Clerk/Aide, New Marlborough School
Stella Bodner	Library Aide, Mt. Everett High School
Steve Small	Teacher, Mt.Everett
Georgianne O'Connell	Teacher, New Marlborough
Paul O'Brian	Teacher, Mt.Everett
Bob Gauthier	Teacher, Mt. Everett
Don Blanchard	Teacher, Mt.Everett

Joe wishes to thank these people for what they give to the children of the community. He points out that the community as a whole benefits particularly from gifts to its children. He offers apologies to anyone he might have missed and asks that, if there has been anyone omitted, someone please inform him.

NEWS FROM THE NEW MARLBOROUGH CENTRAL SCHOOL

This year the children in Grades 2, 3 and 4 are again participating in the Multiple Sclerosis Read-a-thon. They are reading books and obtaining friends, relatives and neighbors to pledge any amount of money for each book read. At the end of November, the children will collect from each sponsor and the money will be turned in to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

During the month of October, Grades 3 and 4 took part in the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Math-a-thon. It's an exciting program that helps students to improve their math skills while raising funds for research at St. Jude's. The students have obtained sponsors who have pledged a certain amount for each problem completed in the special Math Funbook. All the money collected goes to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the largest childhood cancer

NEWS FROM THE NEW MARLBOROUGH CENTRAL SCHOOL (cont'd from Page)

research center in the world. The Math-a-thon allows each Math Magician to give other less fortunate children a chance to enjoy the magic of a healthy tomorrow.

On October 14th and 15th members of the New Marlborough Volunteer Fire Dept. came to the school and put on a program of fire safety. The children saw a film entitled "Learn Not to Burn" and they visited learning centers, manned by the firemen, where they were taught what to do if their clothing caught fire, how to safely exist from a burning building and how to phone the fire department and locate the fire for them. They were also able to see a fire engine and all of the special equipment the firemen use.

In the spring of last year many children in Grades 2 and 3 enrolled in the 4-H Giant Pumpkin Contest. Their pumpkins were raised over the summer and on October 27th they were judged by Marcia Denham, County Extension Agent and awarded ribbons. In the class for the largest pumpkin grown, Natasha Grotz received a blue ribbon, Anne Marie Makuc, a red ribbon, Meghan Bradley, a white ribbon and Nancy Phillips, a green ribbon. Leonard Bushey won a blue ribbon for the pumpkin with the funniest shape and in the best carved class Darlene Bushey won a blue ribbon and Rubin Shmulsky, a red ribbon. In the best decorated uncarved class, Natasha Grotz was awarded a blue ribbon, Tina White, a red ribbon, and Meghan Bradley and Christopher Thompson, white ribbons.

The children who participated in the Summer Reading Program were presented reading awards. They are Jennifer Stevens, Kenneth Pratt, Mark Phillips, Tiffany Stephens, Kimberly Gillette, Darlene Bushey, Meghan Bradley, Leonard Bushey, Nancy Phillips, Jessica Thorn, and Tom Harvey.

Many of the children in the school participated in the annual UNICEF collection on Halloween with the Trick or Treat boxes. The funds collected are used for needy children around the world.

HANDCRAFT FAIR AT PUMPKIN HOLLOW SCHOOL

The Rudolph Steiner School at Pumpkin Hollow will hold its Holiday Handcraft Fair on Saturday, November 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school. There will be activities for children and lunch will be served. Proceeds will benefit the Scholarship Fund.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

Boy Scout Troop 39 continues to hold meetings Tuesday from 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Harold Stalker, Jr., senior patrol leader is presently working with junior leaders to develop the leadership training program. Parents' night was held on October 27th with the Scouts showing and telling the parents what they have been doing.

CUB SCOUT NEWS

The Cub Scouts of Pack 51 Den 3 of New Marlboro-Monterey have held their weekly meetings during October. We have been working on advancement and on October 27th, D.J. Streeter and Karl Braverman received their Bobcat badges. We also prepared and prsented a haunted house for the children of the New Marlborough Central School on October 30th. We are making leathercraft slides with the assistance of Assistant Den Leader Ursula Bushey.

On November 10th we will be visiting the Whip Shop in Southfield as part of our theme of American Heritage. Each boy also had to write a 100 word story on a folklore hero.

BROWNIES

The Brownies have now started meeting separately. The Brownies and the Juniors had a special ceremony for Marta Makuc, who was welcomed as a new Brownie on November 3, Tuesday.

JUNIORS

The Juniors have now finished painting the library basement, and Mrs. Whitbeck thanks all those who helped. They have finished up their Gymnastics badge, and are starting to make plans for the holiday season.

Katy Bradley,
Youth News Editor

CHURCH NEWS (cont'd from Page)

AIN'T NO HIDIN' PLACE DOWN HERE

I was privileged to be among 2500 people who attended an international symposium called "Healing In Our Time" which was held at the Shoreham Hotel in Wash. D.C. from November 5-8, 1981.

The purpose of the symposium was to deepen our understanding of the healing process, to expand the boundaries of scientific investigation, and to explore the potential contributions of spiritual healing.

It is impossible to tell about each of the eleven outstanding leaders. One lecture which was intriguing and beautiful was given by Dr. Thelma Moss, a leading authority of Kirlian photography and the energy fields of the human body. Dr. Moss' pioneering research on healing relationships has begun to document how healers may transmit certain bio-energies during the healing process. In a series of photographs of the finger pads of family members I learned that there is "no hidin' place down here". The auras from the fingers either glowed bright blue and white which denoted love and caring or red, denoting anger, or no color denoting that the person was drawn completley into self. The auras all joined together and then there was a great relationship between all family members. Sometimes a child's aura showed a closer relationship to one of the parents. We are learning that our deep emotional and spiritual attitudes show, not only through the eyes but also through the lens of the camera.

Marie Brallier

SOVIET EXCHANGE STUDENTS AT OCTOBER COMMUNITY DINNER

Students from Moscow's Thorex Institute of Foreign Languages provided a forum discussion for the Community Dinner in October. Arranged by Bernie Klehan, it was the third visit of Soviet exchange students in the last four years. The students toured Monterey during the day and answered questions from town residents that evening following the dinner. Statements from the students indicated that their countrymen are in favor both of a policy of disarmament and of using nuclear power as a source of peaceful energy.

CLOTHING COLLECTION FOR THE CHRISTIAN CENTER IN PITTSFIELD

Word has been received that the Christian Center in Pittsfield must do its work without funds that were previously available. The Center serves many families in crisis situations. The Monterey Church is sponsoring a collection of warm clothing for all ages to be distributed through the Christian Center. There is also to be a gathering together of canned goods to be distributed through the Center's emergency pantry.

The Monterey Store has graciously consented to be a collection center in Monterey for either the warm clothes or canned goods.

The target date by which to bring things is by November 22. The Committee asks that all in Monterey be as generous as possible.

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT NEW ENGLAND KESWICK

New England Keswick Bible Conference will hold its annual Thanksgiving Dinner on the premises on November 22 at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come. The price of the dinner is $5.00. There will be special music and a short program. Call 528-4504 for reservations.

HOLIDAY COMMUNITY DINNER

The 1981 combined Thanksgiving/ Christmas Community Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9. The program will be the Steve Rose chorus singing a Peace Cantata written by Steve.

SLIDES OF THE NATURAL WORLD AT NOVEMBER COMMUNITY DINNER

Eleanor Kimberly presented a fascinating show at the Community Dinner in November. She showed slides of wildlife and plant life which she has encountered roaming the woods and meadows around Monterey. Her photographs were said by a member of the audience to be "aesthetically gorgeous, exhibiting artistic and technical skill, appreciation for nature and especially, patience". Eleanor, who played birdsongs as background music, narrated her show. She explained that the way she got such rare shots as one of the kitten foxes was simply to go into the woods and sit and wait for what came.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY (cont'd from page)

Nina Tryon, Abbie Olds, Stella Hawes, Helen McKay, Lucy Smith, Mary Ward, Wanda Bearce. Helen McKay was re-elected treasurer, and Margery Janes, secretary. Eleven attended.

The treasurer collected the dues ($1 a year) and read the treasurer's report, including the detail that $10 had been given in memory of Frances Tryon to Fairview Hospital. Jean then started us planning for the year. The next meeting, to be held at Marion Schneider's will be a Christmas musical meeting, December 3 at which we are to bring toys and other small gifts suitable for Christmas baskets, and especially gifts of food for the Christian Center in Pittsfield. Mary Ward explained the situation (increased transportation charges) that has made the Church World Service unwilling to send heavy clothes abroad. But the Christian Center is very happy to receive them for local use. Anyone who wishes to join the Ladies in this pre-Christmas giving can leave the clothing with Mary Ward. The small gifts of food, etc. can be left at the Kelly Janes' apartment or the stores until noon December 3. Margery Janes

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

In the beginning the Monterey News was done strictly by volunteers. Patricia Howard wrote, edited and typed the paper. Virgil Brallier turned it out on a mimeograph machine in his basement. Church ladies collated, folded, stapled and addressed it. We paid for paper and postage. As time went on a little phone and gas money crept into the exchange. For a few insane and glorious years we paid ten dollars each for poems. Now the crunch has got us. We (under)pay our devoted typists and our circulation managers. We throw a crust of bread to the Youth Editor and to our Star Reporter, Sharon. Everybody but the printer and the Postman (and Monterey's Postmen always give everything a little extra) are to a greater or lesser degree volunteers.

We want to thank all the generous people through the years and now who have helped us with the News. Special thanks to Lillie Barnett who typed the paper all through last summer and fall for the sheer joy (right Lillie?) of doing it. Bravo, all.

photograph by Eleanor Kimberly

POETRY

To Frosted Corn Shocks

Strange witch-like creatures withering
away,
Your tattered skirts wrapped 'round
your scrawny legs,
Shivering there in the bitter cold
With scarcely enough life left to feel
nor care.
Your wind-blown hair criss-crossed
over your faces.
You who were so green and fresh in
summer
Bearing the sweet corn for our homes
and picnic tables
Now stand alone with no more than a
whisper;
More like talking in your sleep than
knowing
Or even caring what you might be
saying.
Sleep now. Enjoy a well-earned
restful slumber.

Eleanor Kimberly

Leaves

Maroon, blood red fingers
Touching the wind softly
Gently rocking mother hands
are the boughs
Cradling the glowing golden babies
Caressing them until the harsh winds
unclasp the brown, weak stem
The stem of life
Whirling, swirling leaves
descending from their cradles.

Marie Wessel
Grade 7, Mt Everett H.S.

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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Members of the Library Board of Trustees wish to offer public thanks to the Girl Scouts for their diligent work painting the walls and woodwork of the Library Basement. Special mention must go to Linda Witbeck, their leader, who worked especially hard to make the project a success.

PARKS COMMISSION

The Parks Commission's summer activities have come to an end. During the summer of 1981 the Commission supervised the maintenance of the Ball Field at Greene Park, the picnic grounds at Bidwell Park, and the old Parade Grounds. Free swimming lessons were given to town residents during three weeks in July. This year a special class for toddlers was added. There was a new lifeguard on the beach, a second year law student from Stockbridge named Tom Schuler.

The Commission plans to create an ice skating area at Greene Park beginning around Christmas vacation and lasting through the February school vacation, weather permitting.

ASSESSORS

At a meeting Tuesday November 10, the Monterey Assessors voted to issue estimated tax bills for the Town late in December of this year. The billing has been held up until now because the Assessors have been tied up in the process of classifying town land by a new categorizing system mandated by the state. The system, which gives businesses the greater share of the tax burden, is more relevant to urban areas than it is to Monterey. The Assessors will not finish classification by January 1.

Estimated tax bills will serve two purposes. They will enable people to pay within the calendar year, and they will prevent the town's having to borrow so much money to make it through a lean period.

TOWN REPORT COMMITTEE

The Town Report Committee needs help. Anyone who has skills to offer and who wnats experience in writing, printing and publishing should please apply. All related skills are useable: writing, typing, art, proofreading and the like. Call Cynthia Weber at 528-1443 or 528-1878.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Sue McIver thinks people might be interested to know that nobody registered to vote before the Special Town Meeting, November 16.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission was invited to join members of the Monterey Planning Board at Hebert's Cove on Sunday, November 15 to make an inspection of the required improvements to a recent subdivision of land there. Results of the inspection will be reported in the December Conservation Commission report.

The Commission will be present for an on-site inspection by members of the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering of the property of Albert Moore on Elephant Rock Road. The inspection will be on November 20, at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Moore has appealed to the state department to review an Order of Conditions issued by the Monterey Commission requiring some changes in his plan to build a house on the Elephant Rock site. The D.E.Q.E. will hear Mr. Moore's grievances as well as any other pertinent information and will then issue a Superseding Order of Conditions.

BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Town Offices on Tuesday November 17 at 7:30 p.m. to examine the request of Selwyn James that he be allowed to reconstruct on the original building site a single family nonconforming dwelling which was destroyed by fire. The premises consist of one fourth of an acre. The property is located in the Lake Shore District on Garfield Point.

BOARD OF APPEALS (cont'd from Page 10)

On October 26 the Board granted a Special Permit to Judith Friedman to enlarge an existing non-conforming dwelling on Elephant Rock Road.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Monterey Fire Company, realizing that every minute counts in an emergency, has printed at its own expense stickers bearing the emergency telephone number for Monterey to be affixed to every telephone in town.

Stickers are available free at the Monterey General Store and Walsh's Mobil Station.

POLICE REPORT

The Department of Public Works has responded to a letter from the Board of Selectmen informing them of the dangers of the intersection of Route 23 and Route 57. They requested written data on the amount and type of accidents which have occurred there. Police Chief Doug Lyman has compiled the data and when his report is received by the state, a hearing will be scheduled. The Selectmen, the Department of Public Works, the Monterey Police Department and any interested persons from the community are enjoined to attend the hearing. Doug Lyman would welcome any thoughts or worries from people who have observations to make about the situation at the intersection.

The Police Department sponsored a hayride for the children of the town on Halloween night. The hay wagon was donated by Dick Tryon and the hay was donated by Sheldon Fenn. About thirty children participated. They were driven up over Beartown Mountain and back to the Social Room of the United Church of Christ at which time they were served hot cocoa, cider and doughnuts. Chief Lyman says the hayride was a great success, and he hopes it will become an annual event.

NOTES FROM THE MONTEREY POST OFFICE

The 1981 Christmas stamps are now available and are for domestic use only. Because there is not any denomination printed on the stamps, most foreign countries will not accept them as valid postage.

POST OFFICE (cont'd)

We have several new philatelic items available. The new stamps and stories book, 1981 mint sets, space souvenir folders, and collector kits. These make nice gifts. Ask to see them.

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MONTEREY COUNCIL ON AGING

Wanted, Senior Citizen :

55 years or older to supervise programs at the Great Barrington Senior Center. Part time, minimum wage. Call Mrs. Claire Teague, Director at 528-1881.

Alfred W. Molle, Chairman

MONTEREY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In 1735 the Provincial Legislature meeting in Boston decreed that the wilderness between Westfield and Sheffield should be divided into four townships. For practical purposes, the area now called Monterey was part of Housatonic Township #1. It was divided into seventy plots of almost equal size and located mainly on Beartown between Art School Road and Beartown Road.

Isaac Garfield, Thomas Slaton and John Chadwick were the first permanent settlers, coming in the spring of 1739 with families and household goods. Later that year John Brewer came to Housatonic #1 to establish a saw mill and later a grist mill.

Within a short time after, several divisons were made, including land both north and south of the original plots. Some extended over the hill to the north into what is now Tyringham. New families arrived and the town began to thrive.

Sally Fijux

LADIES AID SOCIETY

The Ladies' Aid Society met November 5 at 1:30, for its annual business meeting, at the home of Lucy Smith (Mrs. Arthur Delafield Smith) who has been its efficient and gracious President for six years. She asked to be relieved, not wanting to take the car out during the winter and unsure of her plans in the spring. Jean Stowell was elected to take her place and the other members of the Board of Directors were re-elected:

LOCAL LORE

MONTEREY RESIDENT
ONE MILLION YEARS OLD
NOMINATED FOR
NATIONAL BIRD

(Bonner McAllester, naturalist and raconteur, will be writing about wildlife every month in the Monterey News)

There is a creature in our town, newly arrived yet ancient in origin, possessed of the longest feathers in North America yet barely able to fly, as familiar to all of us as cranberry pudding and hard-sauce yet one of the most shy and elusive members of our native fauna. I refer to the wild turkey or Melaegris gallopavus silvestris: such a paragon of design that natural selection has left it virtually unchanged for a million years; such a nonpareil of beauty, wit, and moral fiber that Benjamin Franklin urged its adoption as our national bird.

When colonists first arrived in the Northeast, they found M.g. silvestris plentiful, delicious, and life-sustaining. Pressures of one kind and another, however, led to considerable habitat alteration and turkeys became scarce. In the nineteenth century there suddenly developed an exclusive market for turkey meat, quite pricey.

Turkeys became very scarce. In 1851, the last Massachusetts wild turkey was killed and there were none until the last two decades during which, after the introduction in 1964 of thirty-seven wild birds from Allegheny State Park in New York, the turkey population in Massachusetts has grown to 2,500 birds. So many, in fact, that the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (which did the work of reintroducing the turkeys) has declared a limited hunting season on males in May. The season is two weeks long, each day from sunrise until noon. By early May, the hens are busily nesting and brooding. The toms, or gobblers, can turn their wits to hunter evasion. Turkeys have more than enough wits for this: there is a turkey hunting success rate of only six percent. On the strength of this statistic, the Massachusetts Divison of Fisheries and Wildlife issues 1,250 permits each spring, confident that only seventy-five hunters will actually connect with a turkey. It is said that a turkey can detect the blink of an eye at 500 feet.

When winter approaches the wild turkeys move about in segregated flocks of hens or gobblers, feeding by day and roosting by night. They survive our winters quite well and have by no means reached such numbers as to tax their natural food supply. When the first snow falls, we'll be able to see where they are ranging. The tracks are alarmingly big; the toms leave a six-inch print like Monster Chickens. The scratchings are characteristically V-shaped and roughly eighteen inches long.

Unless there is a heavy crust, a foot of snow is no obstacle to a foraging turkey. Seeing those big tracks in like taking a trip to Dinosaur Sate Park or a journey back to the Pleistocene epoch when the first wild turkeys wandered through the Berkshires, feeding then as no upon grass seeds, acorns, hickory nuts, sumac and insects, and taking in snail shells and grit for calcium.

Reports of local wild turkey sightings have been pouring in. Some areas are: in Tom Bradley's hayfield; by Blue Hill Farm at the top of the hill and northward; across from the old Nursing Home; on Barnum Flats; on Cronk Road; on Tyrinham Road beyond Art School Road; on the North Road past Dick Tryon's; and across from Mrs. Peet's stone house on Route 23. This last stop is a bad curve, however, and turkey watchers are urged to remember the hazards of the modern day while enjoying the gallinaceous glories of the Pleistocene.

Notice: For those interested in learning more about wild turkeys, there will be a turkey walk and talk at Massachusetts Aububon's Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary in Lenox on November 21 at 2:00 p.m.

Bonner McAllester

LOCAL LORE (continued from Page 12)

YOUNG AT 86

(Susan Sellew and her husband Wayne Dunlop own and operate a farm on New Marlborough Road in Monterey. Susan will be writing regularly for us about her experiences in farming).

Last summer we took a trip to Maine to visit the place where we first experimented with those things that have become such an integral part of our life, our first farm. We drove into Limerick, made the turn onto 'our' road, slowly passed the farmhouse we had rented for $25 a month, and at the next corner we pulled into the driveway of our old friend, Reubin Young. Reubin, now 86, was sitting in his wooden lawn swing, resting there with a pail full of potato bugs that he had just picked off of his infested plants. He didn't notice us. We sat there watching him, speechless, remembering...remembering how much we admired him and how much he had taught us.

I remember one mid-summer afternoon. I had been busy mulching (then a relatively unheard of term) my tomatoes when Reubin wandered over. He watched me for some time, then asked what I was doing. I rattled off all of the virtues of mulch which I had just finished reading in my stack of new gardening books. Reubin had been gardening for nearly all of his then 75 years; he said that he had never seen such a thing. A few days later I noticed his freshly mulched potato patch. It made good sense, he said.

Later that fall he dropped in as I was struggling with some heavy boxes of sand. I was hauling them down to the basement to store my carrots in for the winter, I told him, again quoting from my books. After awhile he shook his head. "Seems kinda silly to me to go to all that work when they keep just fine in a plastic garbage pail," he said in his matter of fact way. Well, storing carrots in sand was a miserable failure as well as alot of work. The plastic pail works to perfection; year after year we have kept carrots in tip-top shape until April.

And last summer, after we had not seen him for eleven years, Reubin still delighted us with his openness to try new things, his wealth of knowledge, and his humility. Before we left he brought out a newspaper article about himself to show us. He was chuckling to himself and shaking his head in wonderment as he handed it to us. It was entitled 'Young at 86'.

Susan Sellew, Rawson Brook Farm

Editor's note to those who, like me, wondered among other things whether to put a top on the plastic pail: Susan says she hoses off her carrots or shakes them in water after she pulls them from the garden. She sorts out any worm-damaged carrots. She puts a sealed top on her plastic bucket. She has found that even a sealed plastic bag works fine. She checks through the carrots every now and then when she opens the bucket or bag and removes any rotted ones. I'm sold.

Ellen Pearson

1981 Hunting Season for Deer:
Shotgun: Dec 7-12 inclusive
Primitive firearm: Dec 21-23 inclusive

THE SKY IN NOVEMBER

(Loul McIntosh of Gould Farm will give us news of the stars every month.)

Some years ago I woke up around five and looked out the window. The late September heatwave which had blanketed Virginia during the day had barely let up, but when I saw Orion in the sky I shivered--winter was not far away. By mid-November Orion is up and about by ten o'clock, stalking Taurus the Bull. His two Dogs, big Sirius and little Procyon are still lagging below the horizon, visible as yet only to midnight owls.

To find Orion, look at the southeastern sky around nine or ten p.m. Four bright stars in the shape of a rectangle form the torso of the Great Hunter. One, Betelgeuse, is a red giant; the other, diagonally across is Rigel, a blue-white double supergian. Orion wears a belt around his waist, three stars lined up like ducklings. From the belt hangs a sword of faint stars. A a pair of binoculars will help you to see the Great Nebula, M 42, in the sword. It is a mass of glowing gas where new stars are born 1625 light years from us.

Orion is the most brilliant winter constellation. Get to know it, and we'll branch out to other star pictures next month.

Loul McIntosh

CO-OP STOREFRONT OPENS IN GREAT BARRINGTON

Nearly 200 families from Gt. Barrington and surrounding towns have joined to establish a co-operative food store on Rossiter Street. The store will be open week days from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursdays. Members contribute work and buy at a savings. Non-members may buy at a greater mark-up.

A campaign for a storefront co-op in Monterey was launched a few years ago by members of the small pre-order co-op here. The small buying population in town and the high overhead costs of a continuous operation discouraged that effort. The greatest advantages in a storefront co-op are variety and convenience. The big plus in the limited and periodic distributions of a pre-order co-op is lower prices. People in South County now have the opportunity to choose among these priorities. The Monterey Pre-Order Co-op hopes to be able to cooperate with the Berkshire Co-op Market in establishing better sources of food, bulk ordering and trucking. Information about the new storefront may be had by calling 528-9697.

ENERGY PROJECT QUILT BEGUN

Leslie Scutellaro and Michelle Miller have begun work on a quilt to be raffled in the spring of 1982 for the benefit of the Monterey Energy Project.

Anyone who likes to quilt and would like to make a square or two should consult Leslie at 528-9244. Instruction is available. Talents other than sewing will be needed to make this a success. Sample squares are posted at Walsh's Mobil Station, Roadside Store and on the Community Bulletin Board.

PHOTOS OF LAST YEAR'S ENERGY CONTEST AVAILABLE

Carol Allen of Yankee Magazine has sent a list of descriptions of all the pictures she took during the 1980 International Energy Contest in Monterey. Anyone interested in ordering prints from Carol is invited to stop at Milly Walsh's Mobil Station and make a selection. Carol emphasized in her note to Milly that this will be the only chance for townspeople to have photographs made from the slides she took, so everyone is advised to act soon.

Michael Thorpe and Denise Church were united in marriage in a ceremony at the Monterey Church, officiated by Dr. Virgil V. Brallier on October 30, 1981. They are currently living in Housatonic but have plans later to live in Monterey.

A Reception honoring Raymond and Abby Olds on their 60th wedding anniversary will be held on Monday, November 22 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Ward. All friends are invited.

Leonard Weber had a one man show of his paintings on Monday evening November 9 at the Wolfe Road Shopping Mall in Albany New York.

Rose Tannenbaum of Blue Hill Road is playing banjo accompaniement for a play called "Dark of the Moon", being given by The Berkshire Public Theatre at the Girl's Club in Pittsfield. The play will run Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 19th through the 21st at 8:00 p.m., Sunday, November 22, at 2:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday November 27th and 28th at 8:00 p.m. It is an engaging play about witches and fundamentalist religion in the Smoky Mountains. For information, call 445-4631.

Frances C. Tryon, 86, of Tyringham Road died October 25 at Willowwood Nursing Home after a long illness. She had lived in Monterey since 1922. A private burial service was held at Corashire Cemetery. Memorial services were held October 31 at 11:30 at the United Church of Christ.

The funeral of Sheldon Bristol was held on November 2 at the Stevens Funeral Home. The Rev. Raymond Ward and the Rev. Virgil Brallier officiated.

PUBLIC NOTICE

As required by the General Revenue Sharing Regulations, the 1981 survey of local government finances will be available for public inspection on November 30 from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Selectmens' Office.

CALENDAR

Contra Dancing with the Mountain Laurel Band at the Sheffield Grange:

Saturday, November 28 - 8:00 p.m. Penelope Naumann calling advanced dances.

Saturday, December 12 - 8:00 p.m. Penelope Naumann calling beginners dances.

For more information call 528-9385.

Special Dance for the Solstice: Friday, December 18th, Penelope Naumann and Mountain Laurel Band at the First Congregational Church, East Street, Pittsfield

GOOD ENTERTAINMENT BUYS AROUND THE COUNTY

Simon's Rock College, Gt. Barrington
Nov. 18 - 7:00 p.m. Film: "King Lear" Peter Brook's 1971 version starring Paul Scofield and Irene Worth.
Nov. 20 - 8:00 p.m. Films: "Macbeth" starring Orson Welles, Jeanette Nolan and Roddy MacDowell. "The Other", Thomas Tryon's horror drama, starring Uta Hagan and Diana Muldaur.
Nov. 22- 7:00 p.m. Film: "A Clockwork Orange", Stanley Kubrick's vision of the near future, starring Malcolm McDowell and Patrick Magee. "Zero de Conduite", Jean Vigo's 1933 film about childhood in a provincial boarding school.
Dec.4 & 6 - "400 Blows" and "The Goodbye Girl". 11 & 13, "Lancelot of the Lake" and "A Hero Ain't Nothin" (But a Sandwich)"
Adults $2.00, Children $.50 -- Info: 528-0071.

Berkshire Athenaeum, Pittsfield
Nov. 24, 7:30 p.m., Film: "Little Women", the 1933 release, starring a young Katherine Hepburn.
Dec. 1, Dance "An Introduction to Morris Dance." Country Life Prod., J. Cosgrove, Dir.
Dec. 8. Film "City Lights" Charlie Chaplin.
FREE, info. 442-1559

Berkshire Museum, Pittsfield
Nov.25-29 7:30 p.m. (Sat. 7 & 9, Sunday Matinee 2:00) Film: "Stevie" biography of the English poetess Stevie Smith, starring Glenda Jackson, Mona Washbourne, Alec McGowen, and Trevor Howard. (Adults $3, Sr.Cit., $2.50, Children $1.50, Eves. Matinee Adults $2, Sr.Cit. & Children $1. Adults $2.50 before 7:00 p.m. on Sat.)

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The Monterey News apologizes for not mentioning Susan Sellew and Wayne Dunlop, who not only dug the very holes in which the Bulletin Board pilings were set but also contributed mightily to its sustainment during the long uncertain year of its creation.

Letter to the Editor:

We would like to thank the entire Monterey Emergency Squad for their help last month at the time of the tragic boating accident which took the lives of our two cousins. Not only did they respond to the call with amazing speed, but the humanity and compassion shown by all concerned could only happen in Monterey.

Lillie and Roland Barnett

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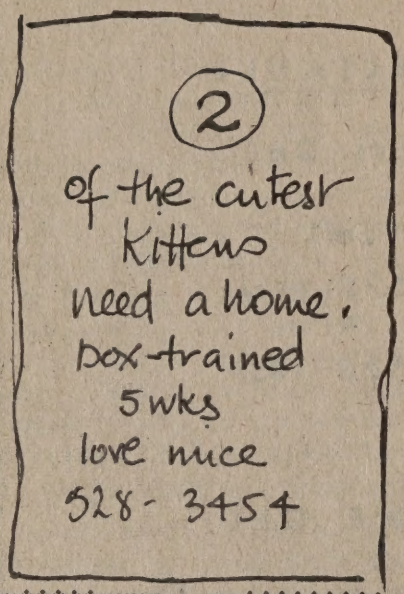

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